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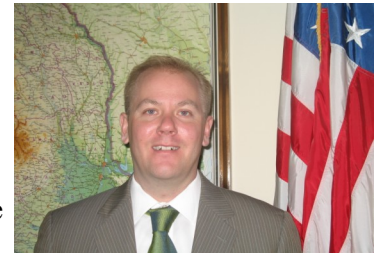
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## American Citizen Services eNewsletter

### MEET OUR NEW AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES OFFICER!

My name is Robert (Rob) Doughten. I am replacing Joe Parente as the American Citizen Service (ACS) Chief at the U.S. Embassy. I am originally from Montana and have had diplomatic assignments in Moscow, Russia and Maputo, Mozambique. I am looking forward to serving you and the American citizen community in Romania.



I hope that you enjoy the first edition of our monthly ACS eNewsletter. The eNewsletter will provide you with information about consular services, disaster preparedness, and general updates about living in Romania. We look forward to providing you with the best possible service at the U.S. Embassy in Bucharest.

If you have any suggestions for additions and/or improvements in the eNewsletter, please let us know at [ACSBucharest@state.gov](mailto:ACSBucharest@state.gov).

### NEW FEES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES

Some of you may already know that the Department of State has increased fees for certain consular services. Please, take a note of some new fees for passport, notarial and administrative services.

#### Passport Services:

- First time passport application - \$135
- Passport renewal for adult - \$110
- Passport renewal for minor - \$105
- Replacement for lost or stolen adult passport - \$135
- Replacement for lost or stolen minor passport - \$105



**All non-emergency ACS services (renewal of U.S. passports, Consular Reports of Birth Abroad, and notarials) are provided by appointment ONLY.**

**Please visit our website [http://romania.usembassy.gov/acs/general\\_information.html](http://romania.usembassy.gov/acs/general_information.html) to make an appointment.**

#### AMERICAN CITIZEN SERVICES

**We are here to help YOU! Contact us:**

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In the event of an emergency involving an American citizen, please, call +40-21-200-3433

For information about public hours, please visit <http://romania.usembassy.gov/acs/index.html>.



## NEW FEES FOR CONSULAR SERVICES (continued)

- Consular Report of Birth Abroad - \$100
- Additional passport pages - \$82

### Notarial Services:

- First notarial service - \$50
- Each additional seal provided at the same time in connection with the same transaction - \$50
- Certification of a true copy - \$50
- Each additional copy provided at the same time - \$50

### Provision of documents, certified copies of documents, and other certifications by the Department of State (domestic only):

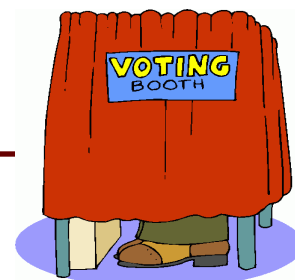
- Documents relating to births, marriages, and deaths of U.S. Citizens abroad originally issued by a U.S. Embassy or Consulate - \$50
- Issuance of Replacement Report of Birth Abroad - \$50
- Each additional copy provided at same time \$50

### Administrative Services:

- Non-emergency telephone calls - \$10 plus long distance charge
- Setting up and maintaining a trust account: For 1 year or less to transfer funds to or for the benefit of a U.S. Citizen in need in a foreign country - \$30

## VOTING: ELECTRONIC TRANSMISSION OF ELECTION MATERIALS

With 2010 midterm elections being held on Tuesday, November 2, be sure you know all of your options when filling out and sending voting materials. Insufficient mail transit time is a common obstacle many citizens covered by the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act (UOCAVA) encounter when voting by absentee ballot. The FVAP Electronic Transmission Service (ETS - by mail and fax) has been very successful in improving delivery of voting materials. The service is an effective and efficient alternative to the by-mail delivery of election materials between local election officials and UOCAVA voters (when permitted by state law). With proper controls in place, the service can reduce ballot transit time by at least half, helping to ensure citizens are able to cast a ballot despite time and location constraints.



"A man without a vote is a man without protection." --Lyndon B. Johnson

To date, 51 states and territories allow for some type of electronic transmission of absentee voting materials for UOCAVA citizens. The provisions and guidelines for transmitting election materials electronically are identified for each state and territory on <http://www.fvap.gov/>.



**Questions?** Please, visit <http://www.fvap.gov/> or write to [ACSBucharest@state.gov](mailto:ACSBucharest@state.gov).

**FDA U.S. Food and Drug Administration**

**Sign up to receive Recalls, Market Withdrawals and Safety Alerts from U.S. FDA!**



The Embassy will be closed on Sep 6, Oct 11, Nov 11, Nov 25, Dec 1, Dec 24 and Dec 31 in observance of U.S. and Romanian official holidays.



***Planning an international trip?  
Check out  
[www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov) for  
current information about visa  
requirements, safety tips and  
much more!***

**Register with the U.S. Embassy! In the event of an emergency, it is essential that consular officers can contact you to provide critical safety information and locate you. It also allows us to reach out to you with up-to-date travel information and public announcements. [Register Online](#) and **STAY INFORMED. STAY CONNECTED. STAY SAFE.****

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CORNER**

***Q: What should a U.S. citizen do if his/her passport is lost or stolen abroad?***

**A.** Contact American Citizen Services for assistance. If you are scheduled to leave the foreign country shortly, please, provide the Consular Section with details regarding your departure schedule.

Every effort will be made to assist you quickly. You will also be directed to where you can obtain the required passport photos. You must bring a copy of the police report with you to the interview if your passport was stolen or lost. If you require additional clarification, please email us at [ACSBucharest@state.gov](mailto:ACSBucharest@state.gov)

